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SUBJ: POTENTIAL CANDIDACY OF ETEMAD TO IAEA BOARD OF

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- 1. REFTEL IS EARLY INFERRED INDICATION THAT ETEMAD MAY BECOME AVAILABLE IN DUE COURSE FOR POSITION OUTSIDE OF AEOI.
- 2. EMBASSY IS SENSITIVE TO AEOI'S CHANGING ROLE IN IRAN.
  GOI LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR
  POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION SHIFT TO MINISTRY OF
  ENERGY, RELEGATING AEOI TO LARGELY REGULATORY AND SUPERVISORY
  ROLE. IT IS CONJECTURED THAT AT SUCH TIME THAT THIS TRANSFER
  OF RESPONSIBILITY IS FORMALIZED, AEOI'S ETEMAD WOULD STEP
  DOWN FROM PRESIDENCY.
- 3. EXPRESSED INTEREST BY ETEMAD IN IAEA POSITION COULD BE FIRST SIGNAL TO TIMING OF MAJOR SHIFT IN AEOI ROLE HERE; CONSEQUENTLY, DETAILED FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION THIS SUBJECT IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO EMBASSY. CONFIDENTIAL

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